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Department of
Agriculture

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Animal and
Plant Health
Inspection
Service

Ms. Sarah Piersma

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Freedom of
Information

Dear Ms. Piersma:

4700 River
Road
Unit 50
Riverdale, MD
20737-1232

This is in response to your November 3, 2010, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the following documents pertaining to Animart Incorporation:

- Inspection Reports;
- Reports regarding the acquisition of puppies including the origin of the puppies; and
- All and any other information relating to Animart, Inc. Customer.

Your request was received in this office on November 3, 2010, and assigned case number FOIA 11-067.

Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and located eleven documents that are responsive to your request. However, information is being withheld under FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). This exemption protects information from disclosure when its release would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Information has also been withheld under FOIA Exemption 7(C), 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C). This exemption protects from disclosure records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes when its release could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Inspection reports are made publically available at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov>, click on **FOIA Reading Room** (a bullet item located in the light blue box on the right-hand portion of the screen). Then click on **Lists of active licensed and registered facilities**, a bullet item located under the Frequently Requested Documents heading. Then, halfway down that next page, click **Inspection Reports and License and Registration List**. There, you will be able to access a searchable database.

The program office has informed our office that acquisition records are kept at the actual facility, therefore no acquisition records were located.

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You may appeal our partial denial determination. If you choose to appeal, your appeal must be in writing and must be received at the following address within 45 days of the date of this letter:

Administrator
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Ag Box 3401
Washington, DC 20250-3401

Please refer to FOIA 11-067 in your appeal letter and add the words "FOIA Appeal" to the front of the envelope. To assist the Administrator in reviewing your appeal, provide specific reasons why you believe modification of the determination is warranted.

Because the cost to process your request is less than \$25.00, the fees have been waived. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Tamara M. Wade of my staff at (301) 734-5268.

Sincerely,

for 
Tonya Woods

Director
Freedom of Information & Privacy Act
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Enclosures